



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Doris HUEBLER et al.

Examiner: Helen Nguyen

Serial No.: 09/719,221

Group Art Unit: 1617

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Title: PHARMACEUTICAL COMBINATION USED TO COMPENSATE FOR A
TESTOSTERONE DEFICIENCY WHILE PROTECTING THE PROSTATE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

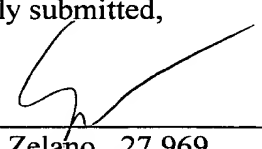
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 21, 2002, Applicants elect testosterone propionate and dienogest, with traverse. The invention is drawn to a non-obvious combination of known ingredients. It makes no sense and is not fair to limit examination to only one combination. The Examiner has not shown an undue searching burden. The single general inventive concept under PCT 13.1 is the co-use of an androgen and a gestagen. Claims reading on the elected species are 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-17, 20, and 24-28.

This response is filed with a five-month Petition for Extension of Time, Check No. 26535 in the amount of \$1,960.00. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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